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little Father & Mother to write and all hands here - all

Camp Louisa Blair
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My Dear Wife Hattie

How do you do today. I am well and hearty especially the hearty for I am hungry. I have just finished a Letter to Uncle Israel I commenced one to him last night it is after one now we have had Inspection of Arms and had Service today I had to be at both I want to finish this Letter before I get anything to eat for I want to get it out to night without fail I am all right Miss. Sister I got a good long Letter from you last night. Not the one you wrote out to Busto I am glad to hear you go a visiting once and a while you must make lots of visits for when I come home I will keep you a talking for some time and you will have no chance for visiting so you see you had better visit good and fast you will have a good visit at Busto for Aunt Catherine will be gone so you and Dad will have full swing and probably George will call often and he is good company at any time. You say Julia is Hanson but Spunky I always thought she would Hanson but still I hardly thought she would come up to meet how does Met perform how does she make

the other children brop and pretfull as
she used or she given that up. you say you
have called on Lodema I am glad you did so
for I think it will please Uncle James & and
I like Uncle James first rate let Aunt Ab do
as she is a mind to about it that wont make
any difference you say you called on Mrs
Hurland on your way back from calling
on Lodema I suppose you went across didnt
you a short cut from the Upper Town to the
Lower Town (this is a goak). you say you dont
bother Delia any about badys getting married
for you think it rather bothered her anyway
she didnt seem to know anything about the aff-
air I shouldn't want to bother her if it woke up
old sores and I guess it would if you were to
bother her any did her and Horatio go to the Infa-
ir. I would have gone any way if I felt any ways
sore. you say you bother her about Dick tell her
she no need have him he has a breach so he
can ^{be of no} use anyway. I expect your cocaine will be
all right but look out you dont sit on your hair
to much it will get it so it wont grow but use your
ill freely so you will have enough hair so a fell-
ow can see it when I come home and enoy so
you can say you can sit on it Miss Eel skin
(another Goak) do you sleep cold this winter without
your stove nevermind Hattie you shall have the

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bitly but not out of town it is strange that
you haunt had more snow than you have this
winter. I suppose you think by this time your
Hub has been where they shot Corely once more
but I have not. Franklins Division went along
here Wednesday and Sumners (that is ours) was to
follow the next day but it commenced raining
that night and rained all that night and the
next day and the next night and part of the
next day so the going is awful we were ordered
to be ready at a quarter to four Thursday
morning to march which we were all but strik-
ing our tents those we were ordered to let be
until further orders but it kept raining so we
didnt start at all that day and the rain kept up
so we didnt start at all. Franklins Division
has mostly gone back to their old quarters they
had an awful time I tell you laying out in
the rain our supply trains and ammunition
pontoon and Artillery got stuck in the mud
so it was almost impossible to get out. the Reb
Pickets called to our Pickets and asked them
if they should come over and help them out with
their loads and say fetch along our pontoons
and they will help us get them across. the
Rebs have an Immage made with a Board nailed
on. with Burnside stuck in the mud and they
do everything that they can do to provoke
our men. we are here stay in our old quarters
but I am just as confident we would have been

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